

CHECKING A RUN.

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"Is it true that your father's bank cannot stand the run?" asked Sydney Ware. Eunice Whitehead nodded.



"SO IT APPEARS THAT YOU ARE GOING AWAY," SAID CYRUS.

and had vowed that he would never patronize the institution. Such banking as he had done was transacted through an institution in the next town, but Ware had conceived a distrust for all banks, and most of the large fortune which he had accumulated was stored in gold and bills and bonds in the huge vault in the knitting mills, a vault as large and as safe as that in the bank.

"I suppose that the plan was yours and you entangled this boy." "That is not so," said Sydney hotly. "It has taken me a year and more to persuade Eunice to elope. We knew that there was no use asking either her father or mine, and we did not see why your absurd stubbornness should spoil our happiness."

He looked into the eyes that were so like those he had loved in the long ago and partly turned away. For the first time he realized why Whitehead had won. Nellie had admired his gentleness even while she feared Cyrus' roughness. Perhaps, after all, he, Cyrus, had been more to blame for his loss than had his old playfellow.

There was a howling mob about the bank. The employees of half a dozen big mills had taken the day off to rescue their money from the fancied danger, and they clamored about the doors. As fast as those in the bank obtained their money they were let out and others were admitted. The tellers were paying out as slowly as possible in the hope of being able to tide over the day.

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